1. Adequate credit/loans from financial institutions/banks.
2. Funds for technology upgradation and modernisation.
3. Adequate infrastructure facilities.
4. Modern testing facilities and quality certification laboratories.
5. Modern management practices and skill upgradation through advanced training facilities.
6. Marketing assistance.
7. Level playing field at par with the organized sector.

Closure of SSIs

1069. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) how many Small Scale Industries have been closed down in the country during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) the reasons therefor;

(c) the persons who lost jobs as a result thereof;

(d) whether Government have any plan to assist the Small Scale industries to improve their profitability; and

(e) what are the measures Government have proposed in the Tenth Five Year Plan Document?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) and (b) The information on closed units is not maintained centrally. However, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) compiles data on sick SSI units financed by the scheduled commercial banks. As per the latest information available with the RBI, the number of sick SSI units as at the end of March, 2000,2001 and 2002 is 304235, 249630 and 177336, respectively. The State-wise break up of sick SSI units for the last three years is given in the Statement *(See* below). The main reasons of sickness/closure are inadequacy of credit, technological obsolescence, marketing problems, managerial inadequacies, etc.

(c) Data on the persons who lost jobs as a result of sickness/closure are not maintained centrally.

(d) While development of SSIs is primarily the responsibility of the State/UT Governments, the Central Government has taken several steps to improve their performance by implementing various schemes such as Integrated Infrastructure Development, technology upgradation, marketing and entrepreneurial development etc. In addition, on 30th August 2000, the Prime Minister announced a Comprehensive Policy Package for the promotion and development of Small Scale Sector to enhance its competitiveness, both domesticaly and globally. The policy package consists of enhanced fiscal and credit support, better infrastructure and marketing facilities and incentives for technology upgradation.

(e) Taking into consideration the higher potential for growth in the Small Scale Industries (SSI) Sector in terms of output, employment and exports, the strategy for Tenth Plan is to strengthen the sector to enable it to remain competitive in market-led economy and generate additional jobs. For achieving these objectives, the SSI sector would be provided proper and timely inputs like:

1. Adequate credit/loans from financial institutions/banks.

2. Funds for technology upgradation and modernisation.

3. Adequate infrastructure facilities.

4. Modern testing facilities and quality certification laboratories.

5. Modern management practices and skill upgradation through advanced training facilities.

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7. Level playing field at par with the organized sector.

Enhanced outlay of Rs. 2584 crore during the Tenth Plan for the SSI Sector as against Rs. 1982 crore in the Ninth Plan would facilitate in supporting the various Plans/Schemes.

Statement

Number of sick small scale industries (State/UT-wise)

State/Union Territory	At the end of March, 2000	At the end of March, 2001	At the end of March, 2002
1	2	3	4
Assam	11445	8632	5530
Meghalaya	528	376	281
Mizoram	41	27	25
Bihar	26909	16423	17386
Arunachal Pradesh	120	75	12
West Bengal	143893	113846	53957
Nagaland	168	119	130
Manipur	5577	4150	1060
Orissa	7444	6668	5334
Sikkim	25	23	56
Tripura	7170	5323	1945
A and N Islands	31	18	13
Uttar Pradesh	21235	23117	20036
Delhi	3309	2143	1892
Punjab	1897	1836	1902
Haryana	2952	1285	889
Chandigarh	156	153	145
Jammu and Kashmir	2002	848	2438
Himachal Pradesh	893	368	394
Rajasthan	7560	6395	3792
Gujarat	5928	5408	6679
Maharashtra	9115	8056	7270
Daman and Diu	10	*57*	4
Goa	161	98	149
D and N Haveli	46	12	12
Madhya Pradesh	6072	6614	7028
Andhra Pradesh	12461	11841	9324
Karnataka	5416	4400	4254
Lakshadweep	0	1	0
Tamil Nadu	11602	9959	11513
Kerala	9017	11144	13825
Pondicherry	1052	186	161
TOTAL:	304235	249630	177336